

WEATHER.

Fair tonight and Thursday;
mild temperature; light to moder-
ate northeast and east winds.

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About every one in Washing-
ton who reads at all reads The
Star.

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STOCK QUOTATIONS PAGE 14

ONE CENT.

MASKED ROBBERS BLOW TRAIN SAFE

Hold Up "Diamond Special" on
Illinois Central Railroad
Early Today.

SECURE \$500 IN LOOT AND ESCAPE ON ENGINE

Interrupted in Work by Police, But
Are Able to Put Through Job
Successfully.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 18.—Two masked men who early today robbed the express train on the "Diamond Special," the Illinois Central's fast train between St. Louis and Chicago, were sought in this city. After being interrupted in their work by police, the bandits forced the engineer to run before the bluecoats and later tried with dynamite to force the safe. They ran the engine into Springfield and escaped. The safe, according to the local express agent, contained not more than \$500. In their attempt to get this sum the robbers threatened the engine crew with death, overpowered the express messenger, fired promiscuously at passengers, disarmed one detective and exchanged shots with another. No one was hurt so far as known.

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Interior of Car Wrecked.

Covered with revolvers in the hands of one of the bandits, the engineer, firemen and two express messengers were forced to stand nearby and watch the attempts of the other bandit to force the strong box. The interior of the express car was wrecked by the series of explosions. As soon as the train was stopped Conductor McWilliams of Chicago ran across fields, a distance of a mile, to a farmhouse, where he notified the dispatcher in this city.

A switch engine carried police officers to the scene, and a score more hurried there in automobiles. The stopped train was surrounded by police, and the bandits were still attempting to blow the safe.

Detective O'Leary was some distance away walking toward the railroad tracks, when two men sprang up from the weeds and covered him with their revolvers. He threw his gun and ran, and was engaged in an exchange of shots with Detective Adams, who came up in time to catch a fleeting glimpse of the two.

Second Attempt to Blow Safe.

The two men then boarded the engine and ordered the engineer to run further down the track. They stopped near Cotton Hill, three miles away, and another attempt was made to force the safe, after the engineer had been told to "beat it" back to where the train was first stopped.

While making their final attempt to blow the safe and realizing that they must make their escape the bandits boarded the engine and ran it to a point near Laurel street, where they left the locomotive dead.

FIRES BULLET THROUGH DOOR.

Mrs. Hannah Erke Seriously Hurt.

Alleged Assassin Captured.

QUINCY, Ill., June 18.—Mrs. Hannah Erke sustained a serious wound in the shoulder when an unidentified man fired a bullet through the door at her home near Fowler, eleven miles from Quincy yesterday.

A posse was formed and the would-be assassin was found in a wheat field. Rather than be taken by the enraged farmers, armed with shotguns, rifles and revolvers, the man shot himself through the head or was killed by a bullet from a revolver in the hands of one of the posse.

Before death he shot Frank McNeely in the leg.

Mrs. Erke, who is sixty years old, is in a serious condition.

RAT PROVES HIS UNDOING.

Gold Found in Hole in Floor—Hotel Porter Is Arrested.

LONDON, June 18.—An unexpected sequel to the recent burglary in the Berkeley Hotel in Piccadilly is the arrest of the night porter, Arthur James, charged with being concerned in stealing from the hotel safe cash to the value of \$35,000 and attempting to murder Gowers, the other night porter.

The movements of a large gray rat in the hotel dining room a few days ago led to James' arrest. Employees of the hotel, in hunting down the rat, found its hole under the radiator and through it saw a gleam of gold. The floor was taken up and there was found more than half of the booty.

It is stated that James, who was found bound and gagged near the safe on the night of the burglary, died in confinement with the result of a bullet wound in the chest and the loss of blood.

OPERATE TO MAKE BOY GOOD.

Surgeons Relieve Brain Depression

Hoping to Change Department.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 18.—An operation which, the surgeons declare, will make a good boy of eight-year-old Claire H. Jamison was performed yesterday in the West Philadelphia Homeopathic Hospital, where a piece of bone about two inches long and one inch wide was removed from the boy's skull.

The child, it is stated, was a good little boy when he first went to school three years ago. His second year he was not quite so good, and since then he has been a terror to his teachers. Parents and other children.

An X-ray operation disclosed the fact that there was a depression on his skull, probably the result of a blow or fall, which, the surgeons say, caused the change in the boy's deportment.

Seattle for Public Ownership.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—The voters of Seattle authorized today a bond issue of \$500,000 for the development of terminals on the east waterway under direct public ownership and operation.

CALVERT BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED

New Span for Rock Creek May
Be Provided for in Esti-
mates at Next Session.

COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER OTHER NEEDS OF DISTRICT

Next Fiscal Year Expected to Be
Banner One for Street and
Park Projects.

Calvert street bridge, spanning Rock creek, may be replaced by a new structure at an early date. Consideration is being given the need of this improvement by the Commissioners, and there is a possibility that it may be provided for in the estimates to be transmitted to Congress at the next session.

When the bridge was repaired in the summer of 1911, officials of the engineer of bridges office expressed the opinion that the structure was only one year safe, but adequate for traffic conditions for ten or fifteen years.

Col. Chester Harding has been looking into the matter since he became Engineer Commissioner, and has about a year ago come to the conclusion that the bridge should be replaced.

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Why Not, Haven't Books Been Laid Aside Until Fall?

School is closed for the summer vacation. Books have been closed not to open their covers until next fall and nothing like lessons daries to come around to both Miss School Girl or Mr. School Boy.

SCHOOL KIDDIES HAPPY

The year which was formally closed today has been one of considerable moment in the school world. Numerous changes have taken place, probably none of these as of such importance as the resignation of Capt. James F. Oyster as president and as a member of the board of education.

Grateful to United States.

"In Japan we are grateful to the United States because this country has so freely opened its schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions to our visiting Japanese students. Our boys have come to this country, acquired knowledge and taken it home to Japan, where it has been the basis of their education and the foundation of their future success. We cannot forget that 'Taught in America' is a complimentary phrase."

Count Zeppelin Interests Berlin in Voyage This Summer.

LONDON, June 18.—"Count Zeppelin and his technical staff at Friedrichshafen are convinced that the modern dirigible airship can be used for the most important Berlin dispatch to the London Express, and it is probable that a voyage from Germany to New York will be undertaken this summer."

AIRSHIP MAY CROSS ATLANTIC

Count Zeppelin is said to have been in communication with the German government, "which is disposed to regard his plan favorably, and in the event of the airship's success, German government would be able to send a dispatch to the United States by the Atlantic to render assistance. Count Zeppelin's plan is to start on his voyage could be made within three days."

Cornell's New Alumni Trustees.

ITHACA, N. Y., June 18.—Cornell University's alumni by a mail ballot announced have elected Franklin Matthews of New York and Justice Cuthbert W. Pound of Lockport alumni trustees for five years. Justice Pound received 6,042 votes and Mr. Matthews 2,490. The next highest was Representative Maurice Conolly of Dubuque, Iowa, 2,140 votes.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Senate:
In session 2 p.m.
Continued reading of letters and telegrams from anti-fur sugar men's files.
Finance Committee Democrats continued consideration of tariff bill schedules.

House:
Not in session; meets Friday.

JAPAN TAKES PRIDE IN TRADE WITH U. S.

Ambassador Chinda Urged
That Nothing Be Done to
Hurt Present Relations.

REPRESENTATIVES HERE TO ASCERTAIN FEELING

California Anti-Alien Land Law
Prompts Investigation by Busi-
ness Interests.

That nothing shall be done by either the government of Japan or its citizens at home or in this country to impair the present trade conditions between Japan and the United States is the basis of an argument that is being presented in Washington today to Baron Chinda, the Japanese ambassador, by representatives of the commercial interests of Japan, who have been touring the United States to ascertain the feeling of their fellow-countrymen on this subject.

These representatives are Dr. J. Soyedo and Tadao Kamiya of Tokyo, who arrived at the Shoreham Hotel Monday night, accompanied by George Shima of Berkeley, Cal., and H. Akiba of San Francisco, two Japanese residents in California. The party spent most of yesterday in company with the Japanese ambassador, dining at the embassy last night, and are continuing their conferences today.

Dr. Soyedo and Mr. Kamiya have come to the United States as representatives of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Japan and of the Japan-America Affiliation Association, the latter an organization newly formed to bring about a good understanding between the citizens of the two countries. Dr. Soyedo is a retired banker of Tokyo, and Mr. Kamiya is secretary of the Tokyo Chamber of Commerce.

Sent to This Country.

"When the misunderstanding arose between groups of citizens of the United States and Japan as to the California anti-alien land legislation," Dr. Soyedo said to a reporter for The Star today, "Mr. Kamiya and I were asked by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Japan to come to the United States to ask the Japanese residents here to have patience in regard to the situation in California until such time as the Japanese government had been able to straighten out the situation."

Two Week-Day Holidays

Merchants Favor Closing
From Thursday Evening Un-
til Monday Morning.

In view of the fact that July 5 falls on Saturday, and that many of the stores close half a day, proprietors of many of the leading establishments have signified their intention of closing their places of business on Thursday evening and Friday morning.

A proprietor of a large F street store declared today that he intended to give his employees the two week-day holidays at that time, regardless of whether or not the other stores, conducting a similar business, close.

Will Appeal for Federal Employees.

Proprietors of several of the large department stores, paper companies, jewelry, gas fixtures, etc., have signified their intention of closing for the two week days.

It is the intention of several of the leading retailers to visit the government departments and request the Secretary of the Interior to issue an order for the closing of the government departments for the two days.

Submarine Off for Test.

Trial of New Torpedo Boat Thrasher
Near Cape Cod.

PHILADELPHIA, June 18.—The submarine torpedo boat Thrasher, built for the government by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, passed out to sea today bound for Cape Cod. The little diving craft is being conveyed by the tug Baxter, and is bound for a deep-water port on the New England coast, where her trial tests will be held.

Earthquake in Martinique.

PORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, June 18.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here shortly after midnight. It caused considerable excitement, but no damage or loss of life has been reported.

Town Suffers \$150,000 Fire Loss.

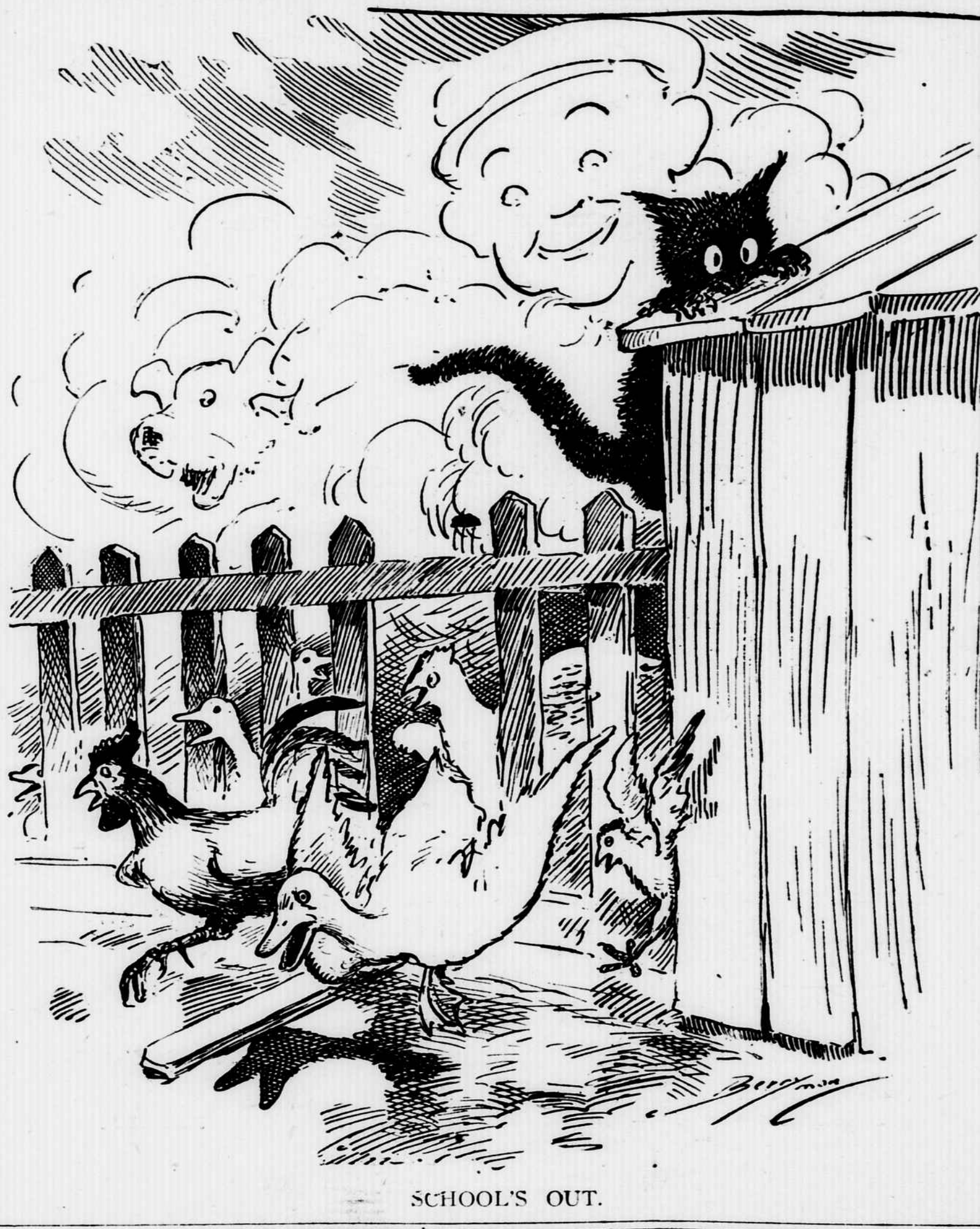
HARRISBURG, Pa., June 18.—Fire at Harrisburg, Pa., last night caused a loss of \$150,000. Among the buildings destroyed were the Lutheran Church and the public school building.

Fakers and Crooks!

The advertising columns of The Star are edited as carefully as the news columns. Fakers and Crooks are barred.

Every advertisement known to contain an untrue or misleading statement has been rejected.

Every reader is asked to be on the Vigilance Committee and help police the columns.



SCHOOL'S OUT. CAMPAIGN CHAIRMAN MAY BE F. E. DOREMUS

Auditor Tweedale Shows Dis-
trict Has Spent \$195,692
Since 1900.

Eighty-five alleys have been opened or improved in the District of Columbia since 1900 at a cost of \$105,062.00. Of the forty-eight alleys which have been converted into minor streets.

This, in brief, is the history of alley improvement work in the District of Columbia during the past thirteen years, according to figures made public today by Auditor Alwood Tweedale.

More alleys undoubtedly would have been converted into minor streets and the provision of the law requiring that the entire cost in such undertakings be assessed against adjoining and abutting property as benefits.

Mr. Tweedale believes that the law should be amended giving discretion to the Board of Public Works in the matter of assessments for benefits. He pointed out today that there is a reimbursable fund amounting to \$29,876, which could be used for cleaning up the city's slums if the law were amended in this particular.

Victor Olmsted Is Out

Chief Statistician of Department of Agriculture Suspended From Office.

Victor Olmsted, statistician of the Department of Agriculture, has been suspended, pending a complete investigation of his office.

"A matter of office discipline," was the explanation vouchered by the department authorities.

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With Loss of \$375,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 18.—One fireman was killed and six were seriously injured when fire destroyed the North High School building today.

The fire left the school, in the northwestern part of the city, a mere shell of brick and twisted iron. The loss to the building is placed at \$325,000; on contents, including equipment and supplies, \$50,000.

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WILSON PUSHING CURRENCY PLANS

Goes to Capitol to Confer
With Leaders on
Legislation.

EMPHATICALLY DENIES THERE IS DISAGREEMENT

President Will Read His Special
Message Urging Financial
Reforms.

President Wilson will go to the Capitol this afternoon to inaugurate a series of conferences with Senate and House democrats on currency legislation. Among those who will be consulted will be democratic members of the Senate and House committees on banking and currency, and several republicans who are interested in currency legislation will be asked to present their views to Mr. Wilson.

Following the conferences to take place this afternoon and at the White House during the remainder of the week, the President will go to the Capitol next Monday and read his message urging currency legislation. Immediately after the appearance of the President the democratic members of the House will be asked to introduce a bill to launch it by introduction in both bodies of the national legislature.

Denies Disagreement.

President Wilson today denied in most emphatic words stories about that there is serious disagreement among the framers of the administration bill over its features. On the contrary, the President asserted that there is satisfaction in the report of disagreement spread because of the postponement of the introduction of the bill from Friday until next week.

If there are important suggestions made by those he consults there is every probability that the bill tentatively framed will be corrected. It is possible that being through "common counsel" a favorite expression of his, to have a bill framed that will bring to its support the democratic support of Senate and House.

Wilson Confident.

With this support and all differences eliminated, the President is still confident that currency legislation will be put through.

Courtesy will be shown the views of republicans, but the intention of the President is to seek to make the currency bill a democratic bill, and it is willing that the responsibility of its passage shall be accepted, whether it proves to be radical and popular or is severely criticized.

Show Some Credulity.

Members of the House who heard of the statement from the White House that there is no essential disagreement among the leaders over currency legislation received the news with polite credulity.

At the Capitol today the currency legislation was classed as being "up in the air." Chairman Glass of the banking and currency committee had practically thrown up his hands and suspended effort for the time being.

It was the general understanding that he has been halted by the White House, and the reason was that the bill was traceable to William J. Bryan's opposition to the currency bill.

Official statements from high quarters failed to dissipate the general belief that Secretary Bryan's powerful influence was in the balance and exacting attention to the bill which had provisionally been agreed upon by the President, Secretary McAdoo, Chairman Glass and Chairman Owen.

Henry Remains Blind.

Representative Henry of Texas, regarded as the opponent in the House of the opposition to present efforts to obtain currency legislation, were an aspect today in the balance and exacting attention to the bill which has been ascribed to the "cat that has swallowed the canary."

The fact that somebody had thrown a monkey wrench into the machinery of the currency bill seemed to cause him no pain. Of course, he vouchsafed no suggestion as to who might have done it.

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REVEAL DILIGENT WORK TO OBTAIN PUBLICITY

Senate Investigation Now Promises
to Be More Sweep-
ing Than Ever.

More letters and telegrams from the private files of the men at the head of the anti-fur sugar fight began coming into the record of the Senate investigation committee when it resumed work today. From the large numbers of letters and telegrams which the committee had summarily subpoenaed from beet sugar headquarters only a small portion had been read into the record when the committee adjourned last night.

Seventy-old copies introduced referred to a widespread campaign headed by Clarence C. Hamilton of Colorado Springs to gain publicity for the beet sugar arguments through newspapers, news agencies and with the assistance of railroads and agricultural colleges. Senators declared the newest turn of the investigation was the most sensational development yet.

Scope Will Be Broad.

Many men of national prominence, mentioned in the correspondence, undoubtedly will be summoned to testify, and from a plain investigation of the interests of senators themselves in the tariff bill the matter now promises to broaden out into an inquiry into all the influences which are alleged to have been used against legislation in recent years.

The committee was confronted at the office today's session with a formal objection from Henry T. Oxnard of the American Beet Sugar Company, and Mr. Palmer, head of the Washington office of the sugar interests, against the reading of any more correspondence addressed to or from them and dated prior to the beginning of the present session of Congress.

Attorney Intervenes.

John W. Yerkes, an attorney who said he represented the two sugar men, broke into the proceedings when a letter from Oxnard to Palmer, dated in 1906, was read by Chairman Overman.

Yerkes contended the committee was violating the Senate resolution to investigate only the sugar interests. Legislation pending before the present Congress.

The committee took the objection under consideration and temporarily laid aside a number of other letters that came in the correspondence. The particular letter which brought in the intervention of the attorney said, in part:

"I have a letter from Mr. Morey in which he said that Mr. Morey will go around trying to educate congressmen. Will you please give Mr. Gove any statistics he may desire?"

Harry A. Austin, clerk in the office of Mr. Palmer, identified the letter as being in Oxnard's handwriting. Morey was president of the Great Western Sugar Company.

Mr. Oxnard and Mr. Palmer took steps also to have the Senate asked to limit the investigation to the sugar interests. The committee had previously examined their private correspondence dated prior to the present session. It was said that a resolution to that effect had been passed by the Senate while the committee worked on.

Articles Are Produced.

Copies of beet sugar articles sent to thousands of small newspapers in sixteen states west of the Mississippi river and in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and southern states were produced from the sugar men's files. They predicted that danger to the different beet sugar interests would be avoided.

The character of the publicity campaign by the beet sugar men was outlined by Mr. Oxnard in a letter addressed to Sidney Ballou, one of the active figures in the anti-fur sugar campaign. He said the beet sugar men had made a contract with the Press Service Company at \$250 a month, for

"They guarantee the publication of 20,000 lines of matter pertaining to the sugar industry. The matter added, it stated further that 20,000 copies of speeches by Representative McAdoo, Chairman Glass and Chairman Owen, and 2,000 by Representative Martin were being sent out."

A telegram from Hamilton to F. A. Gillespie, Kansas City, Kan., said:

"Write me fully what you know about your new campaign."

Another unsigned letter dated May 2, 1912, addressed to Sidney Ballou, said:

"I believe that our greatest opportunity to win the tariff is in the hands of the national campaign. The republican party will of necessity be compelled to make a tariff as a condition of winning the election. We are now in a position to make a probable center around sugar in view of the action of the House in favor of placing it on the free list."

It is stated that those who are preparing the republican campaign book and the sugar question will be handled by the Hamilton and Oxnard companies. The matter is being furnished by us. As soon as the conventions are over it is our purpose to get the republican campaign going with a view to having their speakers fully posted upon the sugar question."

Would Handle Committee.

"In fact, I am personally of the opinion that it would be well for us to put a few good men on the campaign committee who will give particular attention to the sugar question. I believe that the campaign is in this way than in any other."

"You asked me particularly with reference to Dr. Wiley. As you were advised, the doctor made as a proposition. He was accepted. When he got into harness, however, he found that he had undertaken more than he could perform. He is now in a position where we did not deem it wise to insist, as we felt it highly desirable to have Dr. Wiley's assistance and cooperation. He has agreed, however, to deliver a few lectures. By looking carefully after the publicity of these lectures we can believe we can secure some good results."

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